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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

JANUARY 30, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 2579

RELATING TO BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2579.

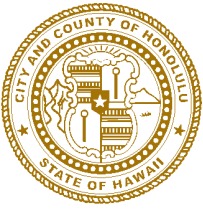
The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of this measure and offers comments.

The measure would require that “Beginning July 1, 2025, for any new state building construction where a drinking fountain is required, there shall also be a bottle filling station or a combined bottle filling station and drinking fountain.” The department is concerned that the measure’s language is unclear as to whether it is intended that any new building construction that commenced prior to July 1, 2025, will be required to

make such provision, or if instead it is intended that such provision will be required only for new state building construction commencing on or after July 1, 2025. If required for new state buildings that commenced construction before July 1, 2025, compliance may require execution of change orders impacting the final cost and time of completion of such buildings; therefore the department suggests that the measure's language for subparagraph (e) be clarified as follows: "For any new state building construction beginning July 1, 2025, or after where a drinking fountain is required, there shall also be a bottle filling station or a combined bottle filling station and drinking fountain."

The department is also concerned that there are certain types of state buildings for which the provisions of this measure may be unnecessary or may present health, safety, or security concerns. As an example, some state buildings are used to detain people involved in criminal prosecutions, substance abuse recovery, and/or mental health treatment, and who may not be permitted to retain possession of personal water bottles; providing a bottle filling station in such buildings could present a hazard to its users. To address this potentiality, the department suggests the measure's language for subparagraph (e) be amended by adding the following sentence: "This requirement does not extend to any new state building for which the agency responsible for construction determines that compliance with the requirement may present health, safety, or security risks to the building's users."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



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January 29, 2024

The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee Government Operations

Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 3:00 PM
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Subject: Support of SB 2579 Relating to Bottle Filling Stations

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of SB 2579 that would require bottle filling stations in new state building construction.

At Honolulu Hale, we have been able to include bottle filling stations near our existing drinking fountains and believe that the proposed requirement should not just be applicable to new state building construction, but also be a goal for all state buildings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Radiant Cordero".

Radiant Cordero
Councilmember, District VII

SB-2579

Submitted on: 1/28/2024 10:18:22 AM

Testimony for GVO on 1/30/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Robinson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Agree with the concept, but don't believe a state-level bill should "require" it